

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Patent Office for the careful attention accorded this Application and respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the Amendment above and remarks set forth below.

Applicants have canceled claims 5-9 and 13-20 without prejudice or disclaimer and have added rewritten claims 21-24 which are directed to the illustrative embodiment of the present invention shown in Figs. 49-52 of the present Specification.

Applicants also submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer and Certificate Under 3.73(b) to overcome any future double-patenting rejection that may be raised by the Examiner.

The present invention defined by the rewritten claims is directed to an automated unitary-type package identification and dimensioning system supported above a conveyor belt structure, and the system contains a package identification subsystem and a package dimensioning subsystem within a single system housing of compact construction.

The package identification subsystem enables the reading of bar codes on packages transported along the conveyor belt structure, and produces package identification data that identifies each identified package. The package identification subsystem includes a 1D imaging-based camera for capturing 1D images of packages transported past said system housing.

The package dimensioning subsystem enables the capturing of package dimension information about the dimensions of each said package as each said package is transported past the system housing, and for associating with the package dimension data with package identification data produced by the package identification subsystem.

None of the prior art references or record, and cited by the Examiner, disclose, teach or suggest the unitary-type package identification and dimensioning system defined by rewritten

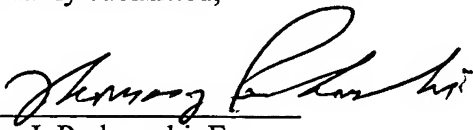
Claims 21-24, which can be quickly and easily installed in small volumes of space above a conveyor belt structure.

In view therefore, of the Amendment set forth above, the present invention is firmly believed to be in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

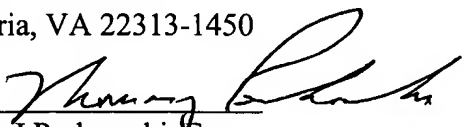
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